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### **Glass Makes Most of Patrol Opportunities**

Sgt. Jim Glass is one of the most recognizable faces in the Broken Arrow Police Department. For one thing, he's been on the force since July 1, 1981. For another, he's been a mainstay in the Patrol Division, where many area motorists have "met" him after being pulled over for traffic violations.

But it was his work in addition to those traffic stops which led to Glass being named "Police Officer of the Year" by his peers. The award was presented to Glass Jan. 30 at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet – an award sponsored each year by The Arrow Group.

In the nomination for the honor, made by one of his fellow officers, Glass was cited not only for his day-to-day performance over the past 22-plus years, but also for some special efforts in the arrest of the driver of a stolen vehicle, in the capture of burglars in another incident and in three recent murder cases.

"Sgt. Glass was single-handedly responsible for the capture of the burglars of B.A. Lawn and Garden," said the nomination, which went on to describe how Glass initiated a traffic stop of a suburban with a trailer, both of which were found to be stolen. All of the occupants of the vehicle fled the scene after being stopped on North Elm Place, but "were captured due to his contact with civilians and his pursuit of the suspects."

Also pointed out in the nomination was the help Glass provided in the Department's response to homicides over the past few years. "He has been a great inspiration to me as an officer," said the nominator, "and I have definitely learned a lot from Sgt. Glass. In the David Hall homicide, Jimmy took control of a scene that was totally out of control and made the best of it with just him and myself there to handle 20 or more devastated family members and friends. My growth as an officer is largely impacted by the professionalism, knowledge, support and charisma of Sgt. Glass."

Glass joined Loren Palmer in receiving awards from The Arrow Group at the banquet. Palmer was named the City's Firefighter of the Year.

## **Workshop Designed to Help Homeowners Associations**

“Not in my backyard” has become a common battle cry around America as citizens try to have some control over changes in their neighborhoods.

Saturday morning, Feb. 21, the City of Broken Arrow will once again give officers and representatives of the community’s Homeowners Associations an opportunity to learn more about what can and can’t be done in and around their neighborhoods – and how to deal with a myriad of other situations that contribute to the quality of life in Broken Arrow.

“One of the reasons our rapid growth in population has continued over the years,” said Planning Director Farhad Daroga, “is that so many of our citizens care enough about the community to get involved. We have many outstanding homeowners’ associations, and their input has done a great deal to shape Broken Arrow’s development.

“When we had this program a year ago, there were about 100 citizens there. And the feedback from the majority of them was that they wanted to make this an annual event.”

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Central Middle School (College and Main), and is free and open to the public. Representatives from the City’s staff, including Daroga, will be on hand to answer questions and to take input from the audience.

Among the items up for discussion will be zoning and development, inspections and code enforcement, public safety, the legal and practical aspects of homeowners’ association operations and insurance and non-profit status for those associations.

## **Broken Arrow Neighbors Unveils Web Site**

Broken Arrow Neighbors, which has long been a community service organization meeting the short-term needs of thousands of families here and in the Bixby and Coweta areas, now has its own web site, linked to that of the City.

The five-page site was developed to help provide more information on the services of BAN, as well as how citizens can help with donations, fund-raisers, etc. The link through the City’s web site is

[www.brokenarrowok.gov/ba\\_neighbors/about\\_ban.htm](http://www.brokenarrowok.gov/ba_neighbors/about_ban.htm).

Roseann Walker, director of the BAN operation, hopes the site helps get the word out to those who might now or some day need help, and to those who can help by volunteering, donating items or taking part in fundraisers.

“We’re very thrilled to finally have this added connection to the public,” she said Thursday. “The site will answer questions many people have about Broken Arrow Neighbors, and provide a constant reminder of all the things we do to help the community and how we rely on the help of others to maintain those services. We will also list our upcoming events on the web site, such as our Volunteer Banquet coming up next month (March 9) at Forest Ridge Golf Club.”

Broken Arrow Neighbors is a United Way agency, and its offices and warehouses are located at 322 W. Broadway.

## **Tree Trimming Continues by AEP/PSO**

The tree trimming program which was started by AEP/PSO last month in Broken Arrow continues, and will have a new wrinkle added to it.

The utility company has notified the City that one of the critical feeders which “show to have produced the most unreliability” has been identified in southern Broken Arrow. The letter stated that those critical feeders are “all being cleared of trees in the easements, to improve reliability.”

That feeder in Broken Arrow starts at the substation on the south side of New Orleans, at 154 E. Ave. (west of Elm Place). The line runs east to Elm, then south along the east side of Elm to 121<sup>st</sup> (Tucson).

“All of the work will be along the main streets,” said the letter. It added that one tree would be removed, and that some spot spraying and tree growth regulator treatments would be made.

As with the current tree trimming, the job has been contracted out to Asplundh Co. The work is expected to be completed by the end of this month.

## **Dates Set for Tuesdays in the Park Series**

The month of June, 2004, has five Tuesdays, and that will simply add a little more music to Central Park this summer.

David Blue, Coordinator of Special Events for the City’s Parks & Recreation Department, announced the schedule for the 2004 “Tuesdays in the Park” series, starting with a night of gospel music on June 1.

The series has been one of the more popular programs in the community during the early summer. The concerts are free and open to the public, with musicians using the City’s Showmobile (mobile stage).

June 8 the program will feature Chuck Cissel with Earl Clark and a country-western menu. On June 15 the Starlight Band will be featured, followed on June 22 by the Smith Brothers. Wrapping things up on June 29 will be Bluegrass Night, featuring III Generation.

The City works with the Broken Arrow Arts & Humanities Council in bringing these concerts to Central Park each year.